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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Application of:  
Burkly et al.

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For: Hedgehog and Patched Antagonists  
for Inhibiting Cell and Tissue Growth  
and Differentiation and Uses Thereof

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed October 2, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, drawn to hedgehog antibody antagonists and methods of treating cells or animals therewith. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because claims 1, 5, 9, 13-20, and 24 encompass overlapping subject matter based on use of hedgehog antagonists. Accordingly, searches related to these hedgehog antagonists are co-extensive, and Groups I-III could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden.

In addition, Applicants submit that claims 1, 5, 9, 13-20, and 24 are linking claims for Groups I-III. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in accordance with MPEP 809, "should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn."

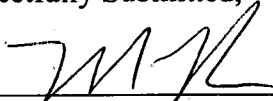
REMARKS

Claims 1-28 constitute the pending claims in the present application, and Applicants elect with traverse inventions of Group I. If any clarification of the above response would facilitate prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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